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SUBJ: ERUPTION OF FIGHTING IN BEIRUT

REF: STATE 167997

1. AS OF 1300 LOCAL I HAVE BEEN UNABLE CONTACT ANY OFFICER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OR PRIME MINISTRY ON THIS MUSLIM HOLIDAY. SABAH AL-AHMAD, I BELIEVE, IS STILL IN CAIRO IN CONNECTION WITH ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. PRIME MINISTER IS IN KUWAIT, BUT HIS OFFICE IS EMPTY AND HE UNREACHABLE.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED OUR ASSESSMENT OF BEIRUT SITUATION, AND OUR WISH THAT GOK WEIGH IN WITH PARTIES INVOLVED IN FIGHTING, WITH A SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR ON AMIR'S OFFICE STAFF. HIS ONLY COUNSEL WAS NOTION THAT TALKING TO SYRIANS IS THE MOST PROMISING AVENUE TOWARD QUIETING SITUATION IN BEIRUT. HE CONFESSED TO BEING UNABLE TO ASSURE ME HE COULD PASS ON OUR CONCERN TO SENIOR GOK AUTHORITIES UNTIL TOMORROW, JULY 4, REGULAR GOK WORK DAY .

3. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, POLITICAL ADVISOR (PRECEDING PARA) HAD DINED JULY 2 WITH GOK AMB TO LEBANON BU'AYJAN, WHO HAS BEEN HERE A WEEK AND PLANS ANOTHER WEEK HERE. BU'AYJAN COMPLAINED

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BITTERLY THAT IN BEIRUT HE IS LEFT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, AND WITHOUT REACTION TO HIS REPORTS.

4. SUGGEST USUN WEIGH IN WITH GOK PERMREP ABDULLA BISHARA IF THIS NOT ALREADY DONE.

5. I WILL ENDEAVOR TO REACH SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL OR PRIME

MINISTRY EARLY JULY 4. PLEASE TRANSMIT ANY NEW INSTRUCTIONS
BY NIACT IMMEDIATE.
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